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LETTER FROM
ELDER ADDISON PRATT.

LATE OF THE SANDWICH ISLANDS.

DEAR BROTHER SMITH: Having learnt by
my wife that you have written me several
letters since I left Nauvoo, and notwithstanding
I have received none of them, I will write to thank you for your kindness. I
suppose that you have been apprised of our
proceedings among the Society Islands by
way of our letters up to the time I left there
for the Paumotu group. This cluster lies
between Tahiti and South America, and on
account of their being low coral islands, they
are very dangerous to sail among, and of
course not much known to navigators. Chain
Island, or Aua, is the metropolis of that
group; the inhabitants of that Island have
conquered the whole group, they carried on
a war of extermination for more than twenty
years, and their mode of warfare was to de-
populate every island they could conquer.
They not only butchered the inhabitants, but
cut down all the coconut trees, so that if any
of the posterity of those carried away captive
ever get back, they would have nothing
to live upon. But now the remnants of
the vanquished are permitted to return and
plant coconut trees and build houses upon
their lands, and some of those Islands are
now getting tolerably inhabited.

But it is even more distressing to see their
"moris" or places of human sacrifice. I
visited one that I passed off and found that I
could trace it 18 paces when it was lost among
the roots of the coconut trees. This place
was prepared by setting up curb-stones in a
trench wide enough to receive a human skull,
and in this trench they were deposited touch-
ing each other, and were then covered with
two or three inches of dirt. Every war
chief had one or more of these "moris." And
when they went to war with the neighboring
Isles, after their battles were fought, they
would take off their heads, and take off
the under jaw, for then the head can tell no
tales—cook and eat the bodies; and the
heads they would tie by the hair and string
them on a rope and tie it to the masthead,
frequently having enough to fill the rope;
these they would carry home, make a feast,
secondly, it affords an abundant supply of
well flavored juice, which raises a steam as
the food is cooking, on to this is laid a layer
of food, perhaps meat, and then a layer of
hot stones, then a layer of vegetables, and
then of hot stones, and so on in conical pile,
til it is all deposited, then it is all matted
over with large green leaves that those Isles
produce for the purpose, and then the whole
is covered with a thick layer of dirt. Here
it remains till it is well cooked, and then it is
carefully taken out in the nicest manner.
Each meal is carefully wrapped in leaves before
it is put in. And I can assure you that
food cooked in this way is the sweetest and
most delicate you ever tasted.

They also made me many presents of meat
for bedding, curiously sea shells, pearls, horns,
heads and concomitants. And when I had
left them in a French vessel and arrived at
Tahiti, I sent for me to meet him there,
or he would come after me in his open canoe,
when it was repaired, and if he was lost in
the attempt his blood should be required at
my hands, and as Tahiti is 300 miles south
of Tahiti, and so land between I made all
possible dispatch to hinder his hazardous
undertaking. We left Tahiti in a French ship,
bound on a long voyage among that
group of Islands which abounds the richest
pearl fishery that I have heard of in the Pacific.
We arrived there in February of 1840.

The people were overjoyed to see us, and ex-
pressed it by inviting us to every town on
the Island, where Br. Grouard had organized
branches which were five. They planted
on coconuts, fowls, fish and large seals
dressed—and roasted whole.

These Paumotu Isles have but few vegeta-
bles save coconuts, but these grow in
the greatest abundance—coral reefs seem to
be the finest place for them. After we had
visited all around, we were much annoyed by
the contentions of the governors of the vari-
ous villages to see which of them we should
live in. I told Br. Grouard, I saw no other
way to stop this, but to divide the Island
into two circuits, he to take charge of one
and I of the other, and then spend a week
in a place. We did so and that put an
end to all controversy—he took two
towns and I took three. These Islands are
of a curious formation, several are oval shaped,
and one Chain Island is about fifteen miles
long by twelve miles wide, having
an oval-shaped arm, a body of water
some six miles wide and thirteen long, with
various places where the tide ebbs and flows.
This you see forms a curious island
called Lagoon, and is one of the finest

places to take a pleasure ride in a sail boat,
and my circuit required much of that ex-
cursion, and consequently (as I was a man of
dignity) it required a dignitary to wait on me,
and one of those war chiefs, who owned
one or more islands that he had conquered
in the "tan hene" or times of heathenism,
volunteered his services to wait on me, and
would not probably have attained to this
"honor" had he not owned a new and
commodious canoe with an excellent cotton
sail, therefore he was permitted to be
my boatman. He was a very large and
stout man, and as often as we arrived in port
on the ebb tide and the canoe could not reach
the landing place because of shallow water;
you would see him trudging off with me on
his back with all the magnificence of his of-
fice, and would set me down upon the rafta-
firm with the heartful satisfaction that he had
been the bearer of glad tidings and good
things to the people, and in the midst of an
anxious multitude who were as anxious to
get the first opportunity to shake hands with
me, as he was to be the honored bearer of
their long looked for guest.

Before Br. Grouard left there to come af-
ter me, he had often told them of me, and
they would enquire every particular concern-
ing me, and when they found I was an
elder, they inquired if my teeth were
good so that I could live on concouments, for
said they, white men's teeth decay much
sooner than natives do. He told them that I
had some missing ones, but still he thought
there was enough left to grind coconuts.
And when their canoe was repaired and came to
Tahiti, after Br. Grouard, I had got there
before them to their great joy. They gathered
around me with great curiosity, and as
I was busily engaged with them, Br. Grouard
was standing a little way off diverting
himself with our interview, when all of a sudden
he burst out in a loud laughter, and when I
asked an explanation, "why," said he, "they are
looking in your mouth when you laugh,
to see if you have teeth enough left to eat
coconuts."

After we had baptized near 200 more, and
had arranged matters on the island, Br.
Grouard took a notion that he could be spared
to go on a mission among that group, and that
I could take charge in his absence. I told
him I had come to help him do the work that
he was not able to do alone, and now we had
enlarged the field; he wished to leave me in
charge of the whole! Oh! said he, you have
done a great service to those people, and I
will be glad to reward you for it. He left me
about four months and returned so as to at-
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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 1849.

17 Motion.—All communications addressed to the Editor, must be post-paid to receive attention.

17 Notice.—We should be glad to accommodate our friends with the information, but circumstances require ready pay. We have endeavored to do this as the the most likely to ensure the continuance of our paper. Let no one feel slighted therefore, if he does not receive his paper in due course; unless he has first deposited with us the amount of his subscription.

17 Notice.—If every subscriber, for the GUARDIAN, will make it his business to procure, at least, one more subscriber, he will confer favor on us, and contribute to the advancement of the cause. If he can procure five, ten, or more new subscribers, the favor to us and the cause we advocate will be increased in like ratio. Will you venture it? New subscribers can be furnished with back numbers if they wish.

Please call at this Office.

Any person going from this section to St. Joseph, or to Platte, Garden Grove, or to the Valley of the Mississippi by way of any of the above places, will do me great favor by calling on us before they leave. If they could let us know a day or two before they leave, they would give us a little time to prepare as well.

17 Bank Notes Taken.—Current notes on all good and substantial banks of the United States, taken on subscription for the GUARDIAN. Those nicely enclosed in letters addressed to us at Kanesville, Council Bluffs, Iowa, and post paid, will be most likely to reach us safely, and on receipt will be responded to forthwith. Also current notes on chartered banking-houses of good repute in Upper and Lower Canada, received on subscription at this office.

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From the St. Louis Union.

Tremendous Conflagration!!

22 STEAMBOATS BURNED!

SEVERAL SQUARES IN ASHES.

Loss of Life!!

Three Millions of Property Destroyed!!!

About ten o'clock Thursday night, May 20th, the steamer White Cloud, lying near the head of the levee, was discovered to be on fire. At the time, there was a stiff breeze blowing from the north east, which soon carried the flames across to the Edward Bates, the next boat below, the heat from these, set fire to the Eudora, lying above them; the Belle Isle next below the Bates, then caught fire. By this time, one or two boats below were dropping down, leaving a vacancy between those on fire and the boats below them.

At this time the Edward Bates being about half burned up, was cast loose and went floating down the levee, setting fire to those boats still lying at the levee, as she approached them, in the following order:—The Julia—but slightly injured; the Uncle Sam, also but slightly injured. The Bates but barely touched these boats, being those immediately below her. The following steam-boats, with a large number of wood-boats, barges, &c., &c., were entirely consumed:—

BOAT.	VALUE	INS.	VALUE OF CARGO.
Tiglioni,	\$20,000	insured.	
Boros No. 3	13,000	\$11,500	
Alice,	18,000	12,000	
Am. Eagle	11,000	8,000	
Sarah,	30,000	20,000	
Moutauk,	16,000	—	\$40,000
Kit Carson,	14,000	—	20,000
Timour,	23,000	18,000	3,000
Acadia,	4,000	4,000	6,000
Mameluuk,	30,000	20,000	
Prairie State,	26,000	20,000	
White Cloud	3,000	—	
Ed. Bates,	20,000	15,000	
Eudora,	15,000	10,500	
St. Peters,	12,000	9,000	
Belle Isle,	6,000	5,000	
Alex. Hamilton,	15,000	10,000	
Martha,	9,000	9,000	
Eliza Stewart,	10,000	10,000	
Mandan,	12,000	10,000	
Belle Isle,	10,000	8,000	
Gen. Brooke,	1,300	—	
Frolic,	1,500	—	
			35,000
Estimated value of Steamboat stock			\$318,000
do	do	cargoes	150,000
do	do	produce destroyed on landing	50,000
			50,000
			518,000

The Sarah was insured in Cincinnati for \$20,000; the American Eagle for \$30,000 in Pittsburgh; the Mameluuk \$30,000 in Louisville; and the others, we believe, were all insured by offices and agents in this city.

Value of Burnt Buildings.

The President of the Board of Assessors yesterday submitted to the Mayor the following report of the loss in buildings, sustained in the late disastrous fire. It is generally admitted to be a very accurate estimate, though it is proper to remark, that it is to be regarded as the cost valuation:

To the Honorable James H. Dickey, Mayor of the city of Salt Lake.

Mr. Cherry street, Liberty Engine No.

My friends and my relatives, in addition to their personal property, especially invested in real estate, above mention, offer greater interest in the city.

Clothes, bedding, &c., &c.,

and money, &c., &c.,

Monroe Street, &c., &c.,

and money, &c., &c.,

The Frontier Guardian

POETRY.

From the New York Tribune, 1840.
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The Southland's fairy despatch
And their notes of cheer,
But she's in plainer garb,
Emblems of their call,
And their ringing notes of gladness,
But bid the tear-drop fall.

There are birds untried winging,
They're the birds of sweet-scented flowers;
With a great noise sing they,
Their love-songs to the flowers;
And the hark and hark are blushing—
But she breathes not their tones,
For her charms are so boding,
To the sea-shore plaintive moan.

Sweet, murmuring lots of Ocean,
O'er which the winds are blowing;
That rolls with gentle motion,
Above my William's grave;
Have the wondrous mermaids borne him
To some sweet coral grove?
Do they sit in groups and mourn him
With their looks of earnest love?

Away, where the pearl-shells gleam
And the sunbeams of ocean wave,
I know it was this to hear;
To the last sweet thought he gave;
And they who his couch are weeping
Have sent little notes from me;
That then might be ever breathing
His parting words to me.

I must seek hideold, damp pillow,
And thou shall be my guide,
After through the dawning gloom—
I have heard the sea-maid's weeping
In their bows beneath the wave,
And I'll join the witch they're keeping
Above my blest and brave.

There's a voice of sweet-scented waters
Forsw. her ear, comely and fair,
And the Southland's fairy daughters
Are sending little notes of cheer.
But she's too pale piping,
Whose the Lame's shadow flings,
And an orange wreath she's twining
For the sea-shell as the singer.

MISCELLANY.

The following satire upon some of the popular literature of the day is pretty good. The style of some of our well-known prolific writers will be recognized in it. It is reprinted from the Salem (Mass.) Advertiser.

THE MAIDEN'S ADVENTURE;
Or, the Desperado of Cat Island!

By JACK JASPER.

Author of "The Strange Fish," "Caverns of the Mighty Deep," etc., etc.

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CHAP. I.—
"Oh! what a nice place for the cows!"—Shaks.

Cat Island lay bathed in moonlight! Sally Slaco sat upon the rocks, and the waters of Salem harbor rippled gently at her feet. Salem lay in the distance. Sally heaved a sigh, and wished she was up there.

CHAP. II.—
"Twas very like a whale!"—Tom Moore.

Tom Stomkatchens was alone upon the waters. The breeze gently filled his sails; the bow of his bark was towards Cat Island. His heart was sad, for he was alone upon the great deep. Suddenly, Tom thought he heard a voice—"twas Sally Slaco upon the rocks!

CHAP. III.—
"Wot an unfortunate individual I am!"—Scott.

The soft notes of Sally came boor' e or the silent bosom of the waters. Tom thought he had never heard such music—so he listened with all his might. Sally was meditating at midnight, and these were the solemn words she uttered:

"Oh dear! oh deere! oh deer!
I'm sure it's the plague o' my life,
That nobody—
Ever axe me
To be their loving wife."

CHAP. IV.—
"To help a female when in need,
Is the greatest bliss indeed!"—Byron.

Tom sighed when Sally's voice was still. For Tom had a sensitive heart.

"I'll go and console with her," said Tom. So he cast off his sheets and put his bold "wother." His boat soon struck the shore, and Tom immediately tied her to big rock.

CHAP. V.—
"She sits upon her rock, while her heart was set away 'tween the waves!"—Willie.

Sally was thinking of the past; she headed not the approaching footsteps of Tom Stomkatchens; her head was leaned on her hands. She thought he saw a tear trickling through her fingers. Bending on one knee, Tom gently touched the weeping maiden, and whispered softly, "Fair lady, can a stranger do enough to relieve the outer distress?"

CHAP. VI.—
THE DESPERADO OF CAT ISLAND!

Home again being out, he reached the youth. And after many givings and takings, Tom started, and would have screamed, but Tom begged her not to.

"Who are you, sir?" said he.
"I have no be a sullen," said Sally.

"The same," said Tom.
"What is your name?" said she.

"Tom Stomkatchens, in the name I was christened by my parents," said she.

"The same," said Tom.

Tom then said, "I have a secret to tell you."

"What is it?" said she.

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